

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) [[I]]An immunomodulator which comprises an antigen-presenting- cell (APC) targeting molecule coupled to an immunomodulatory antigen, wherein said APC-targeting molecule ~~mimics a superantigen but contains a part of a superantigen which~~ does not include a fully functional T-cell receptor binding site.
2. (Currently amended) [[I]]An immunomodulator which comprises an antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule coupled to an immunomodulatory antigen, wherein said APC-targeting molecule is a molecule which is structurally a superantigen but for a disrupted T-cell receptor binding site such that the molecule has little or no ability to activate T-cells.
3. (Previously presented) An immunomodulator according to claim 1, wherein the T-cell receptor binding site, or at least a part thereof, of the antigen-presenting- cell (APC) targeting molecule has been modified by substitution or addition.
4. (Previously presented) An immunomodulator according to claim 1, wherein the T-cell binding site of the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule has been deleted.
5. (Previously presented) An immunomodulator according to claim 1, wherein the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule is derived from *Staphylococcus aureus* and/or *Streptococcus pyogenes*.
6. (Currently amended) An immunomodulator according to claim 5, wherein antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule is derived from SPE-C, ~~SMEZ and/or SEA~~.

7. (Original) An immunomodulator according to claim 6, wherein the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule is designated SPEC-Y15A as herein defined.

8. (Previously presented) An immunomodulator according to claim 6, wherein the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule is designated SPEC-Y15A R181Q.

9. (Previously presented) An immunomodulator according to claim 6, wherein the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule is designated SPEC-Y15A.C27S.N79C.R181Q.

10. (Previously presented) An immunomodulator according to claim 1, wherein the antigen-presenting- cell (APC) targeting molecule is coupled reversibly to an immunomodulatory antigen.

11. (Previously presented) An immunomodulator according to claim 1, wherein the immunomodulatory antigen is a protein, a polypeptide and/or a peptide.

12. (cancelled)

13. (Previously presented) An immunomodulator according to claim 1, wherein the immunomodulatory antigen is non-immunogenic when not coupled to the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule.

14. (Previously presented) An immunomodulator according to claim 4, wherein the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule is SPEC (-20-90).

15. (Previously presented) Pharmaceutical composition comprising an immunomodulator according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, adjuvant, excipient and/or solvent.

16. (Previously presented) Vaccine comprising an immunomodulator according to claim 1.

17. (Withdrawn) Method of therapeutic or prophylactic treatment of a disorder which requires the induction or stimulation of the immune system, comprising the administration to a subject requiring such treatment of an immunomodulator according to claim 1.

18. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 17, wherein the disorder is selected from the group consisting of bacterial, viral, fungal or parasitic infection, autoimmunity, allergy and/or pre-neoplastic or neoplastic transformation.

19-20. (cancelled)

21. (Withdrawn) Method of preparing an immunomodulator comprising the steps of:

- (a) introducing a modification and/or a deletion into the T-cell binding site of an antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule which is structurally a superantigen, and
- (b) coupling thereto and immunomodulatory antigen.

22. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 21, wherein the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule is selected from the group of SPE-C, SMEZ and SEA.

23. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 21, wherein the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule is SPE-C Y15A R181Q.

24. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 21, wherein the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule is designated SPEC-Y15A.C27S.N79C.R181Q.

25. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 21, wherein the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule is SPEC (-20-90).

26. (Withdrawn) Method of increasing antigenicity of a compound, comprising the coupling of said compound to an antigen-presenting-cell (APC) targeting molecule, wherein said APC-targeting molecule mimics a superantigen but does not include a fully functional T-cell receptor binding site.

27. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 26, wherein said APC-targeting molecule is a molecule which is structurally a superantigen but for a disrupted T-cell receptor binding site such that the molecule has little or no ability to activate T-cells.

28. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 26, wherein the T-cell receptor binding site, or at least a part thereof, of the antigen-presenting-cell (APC) targeting molecule has been modified by substitution or addition.

29. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 26, wherein the T-cell binding site of the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule has been deleted.

30. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 26, wherein the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule is derived from *Staphylococcus aureus* and/or *Streptococcus pyogenes*.

31. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 30, wherein antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule is derived from SPE-C, SMEZ and/or SEA.

32. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 31, wherein the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule is designated SPEC-Y15A as herein defined.

33. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 31, wherein the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule is designated SPEC-Y15A R181Q.

34. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 31, wherein the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule is designated SPEC-Y15A.C27S.N79C.R181Q

35. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 31, wherein the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule is SPEC (-20-90).

36. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 26, wherein the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule is coupled reversibly to said compound.

37. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 26, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of a protein, a polypeptide and/or a peptide, a carbohydrate or a nucleic acid.

38. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 26, wherein the compound is non-immunogenic when not coupled to the antigen-presenting cell (APC) targeting molecule.